

THOROUGHFARE PLAN

Any Land Development Plan must include a system of vehicle transportation both existing and proposed. The North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways in cooperation with local officials has prepared a sketch thoroughfare plan for Jackson County. The plan consists of an evaluation of the existing system and proposed changes to compliment the system.

There are three new proposals for Jackson County:

- (1) Construction of U.S. 19-A By-Pass around Sylva as a principal arterial.
- (2) Reconstruct U.S. 19-A into Swain County in the western section of the county as a principal arterial.
- (3) Construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Transylvania County to Macon County in the Southeastern section of the County as a minor arterial.

All of these proposals have been included on the Land Development Plan and their impacts to development noted. The Sylva By-Pass is nearing completion and land management practices are needed there quickly in order to compliment the Land Development Plan.

FLEXIBILITY OF THE PLAN

Any Land Development Plan is designed to be very general in scope and very flexible with time. It is intended to be used as a guide for future growth and should be reviewed annually for its adequacy. If circumstances which created the plan change, the Plan should change. For example, if the population of Jackson County is 30,000 in 1980, then the plan must change to project that situation. In addition to being flexible, the Plan should strive to project 20 years in advance. For example, in 1985 the Plan should be